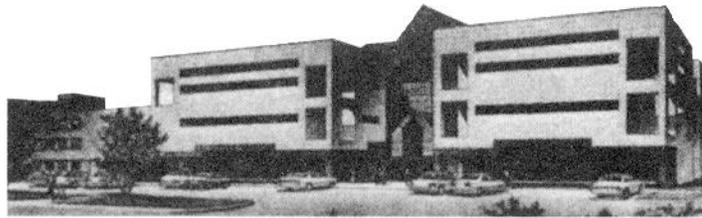


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Prescription Drug Take Back – Waukesha County

On October 23rd, 2021, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) coordinated a Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative throughout Wisconsin. Drug Take Back events provide a safe and convenient method for our communities to dispose of unwanted and/or unused medication. They also serve as a mechanism to educate the community about the potential abuse and consequences of improper storage and disposal of prescription medications.

The Wisconsin initiative was part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's - National Drug Take Back day. Wisconsin Department of Justice recently announced that Wisconsin had the largest drug take back collection in the country this fall with a total of approximately 55,377 lbs. collected.

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Office teamed up with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, as well as the Cities of Delafield, Muskego, New Berlin, Pewaukee, Oconomowoc and Waukesha, Villages of Butler, Eagle, Hartland, Menomonee Falls, Mukwonago, Pewaukee, Sussex, North Prairie, Elm Grove, and Summit, and Town of Brookfield to manage event day collection sites around Waukesha County.

Many of these communities are also supported by permanent drug disposal boxes in their local police departments. The drug take back events provide an opportunity for law enforcement agencies to safely dispose of accumulated, unwanted, and unused prescription drugs collected in these permanent disposal boxes.

To access additional safe disposal tips and year-round drug collection locations visit <https://doseofrealitywi.gov/drug-takeback/find-a-take-back-location/>

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The Waukesha County collection results are as follows in pounds:

City of Delafield	166.6	Town of Brookfield	198.6	Village of M/Falls	116.0
City of Muskego	362.3	Village of Butler	102.0	Village of Mukwonago	364.0
City of New Berlin	500.4	Village of Eagle	51.8	Village of Pewaukee	386.8
City of Oconomowoc	590.0	Waukesha Co. Sheriff	809.1	Village of Sussex	357.6
City of Waukesha	164.8	Village of Hartland	597.9	Village of Summit	38.2
City of Pewaukee	197.6	Village of North Prairie	32.3	Village of Elm Grove	121.0

Waukesha County grand total: 5157.0 pounds

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